

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 45 has been amended so as to correct some minor clerical errors. Claims 46, 47, 49 and 50 are reiterated. Claims 45, 46, 47, 49 and 50 pending in the application.

Applicant would like first to thank the Examiner for the telephonic interview that has been held on December 16, 2004.

Applicant initiated the above-mentioned telephonic interview with the Examiner in order to determine if the Examiner had in his file the priority Application No. PCT/US98/07806 (published under WO 99/54283), from which the present application claims priority. The Examiner indicated to the Applicant that this priority application was in the file wrapper. As indicated in his letter dated September 13, 2004, the Examiner asked the Applicant where in the present application was the support for the various chemical entities definitions of L found in claim 45. Therefore, Applicant indicated to the Examiner that support for the definitions of L was found on Fig. 27 of Application No. PCT/US98/07806. The Examiner thus indicated to the Applicant to report such a fact into a response to the above-mentioned Office Action.

Rejection under 35 USC §112 first paragraph

The Examiner has rejected claims 45, 46, 47, 49 and 50 under 35 USC §112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement since support for the various chemical entities of L in claim 45 was not found in the specification.

As previously indicated, support for the definition of L given in claim 45 can be found on Fig. 27 of priority Application No. PCT/US98/07806. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw his rejection.

Modifications to claim 45

Some minor clerical errors noted by Applicant have been corrected in claim 45. In particular, the term "Wherein" (two times) has been replaced with "wherein". The expression "Wherein $0 < m < 8$ " has been replaced with "wherein $0 < n < 8$ ". Moreover, the term "Covalently" has been replaced with "covalently" and the term "(2)" has been replaced with "(3)". The handwritten chemical formulas for the various definitions of L found in claim 45 have been replaced by the formulas as originally appearing in Fig. 27 of PCT/US98/07806.

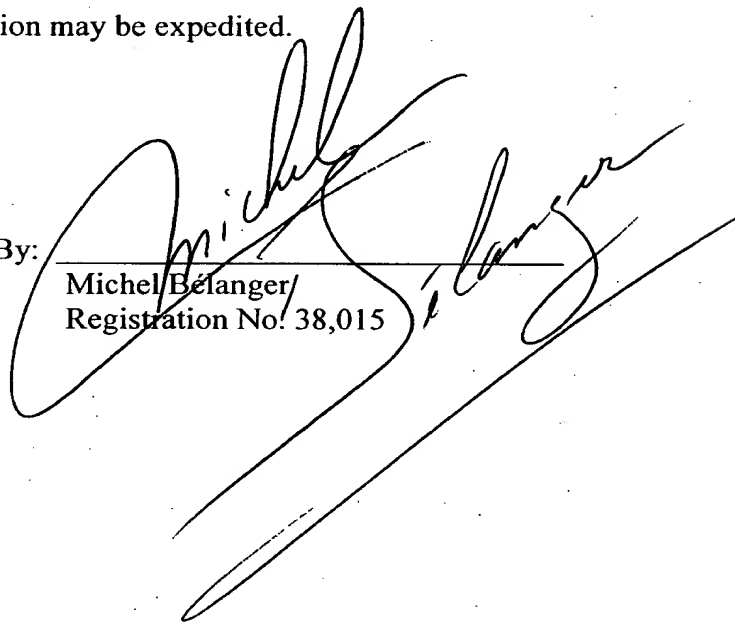
It is submitted, therefore, that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the Examiner's rejections is respectfully requested. Allowance of claims 45, 46, 47, 49 and 50 at an early date is solicited.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this amendment or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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